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286 tone

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Length

4000 meters

13 3/4#

1. The Soviet Oil Administration has recently proposed in great confidence to the Austrian Trade Ministry that the Austrian Government import certain drilling apparatus, pipes, and equipment for the Zistvrsdorf Oil Fields in exchange for ten to twenty tons of Soviet acrap metal, now in Zistersdorf. The Soviets are particularly interested in obtaining the following:

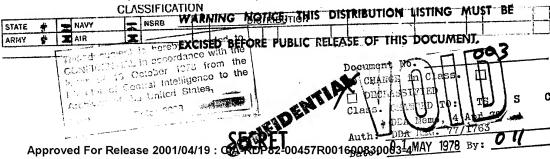
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Drill pipes, API specifications, all Grade D except for 13 3/4" drill pipe, which is to be Grade C:

Wall Thickness

8.38 mm.

	2 2/2	F000	g ()		
	9 5/8	5000 meters	8.9 mm.		
		2000 meters	10 юл.	387	tons
	6 5/8	9000 meters	7.3 mmm.		
		12000 meters	8.9 mr.		
		11000 meters	9.77 mi.	1,122	
	4 3/4	6000 meters	8.5 mm.	17.5	tons
	• •			1,937	tons
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b.	Pipe li	<b>1e</b>	•		
	-	20,000 meters	3",API	about 230	tons
c.	Pump Pi	stons (Pumpengestaer	nge)		
·		50,000 meters	7/8*	about 160	tons
		25,000 meters	3/4"	60	tons
				220	tons
đ.	Barytes	(Barit)		1,000	tons
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e.	Disnulga	Disnulgan, Tretolyte, or similar material			tons
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Comment: In this connection, it has been reported in that the Soviets themselves have brought in some drilling equipment to Zistersdorf. However, this attempt to induce the Austrian Government to render the Soviet cil authorities this service at no cost to the Soviets reflects the policy reported in controlled firms. It is unlikely that the Austrian Government will approve such a request, since it is an attempt to obtain Marshall Plan goods with Austrian help.)

- 2. The Soviet Oil Administration is also attempting to secure oil equipment through the use of Austrian firms. The firm of Adolf Riedl, Automobilbestanderile, Türkenstrasse 23, Vienna IX, recently applied to the Austrian Trade Ministry for an allocation of 2,000 pounds sterling from the Austrian National Bank. The currency was to be applied to purchases of special British brak25X1A equipment for the Zistersdorf fields. ( to be comment: The Trade Ministry is not expected to approve this transaction, which is not considered a bone fide application.)
- The Soviet Oil Administration is also considering an exchange transaction by which Soviet authorities in Constantsa, Romania, will be supplied with diesel fuel and lubricating oil, provided that the same quantity of oil is supplied in Vienna to the Romanian Government company, Redeventsa. This oil, as Romanian property, would then be exported to Switzerland, if the Austrian Government should grant permission. Since both the Romanians and the Russians would be saving all transport costs between Vienna and the Black Sea, oil shipments to Switzerland on such terms would be cheap enough to compete with American oil. (Comment: It is unlikely that this transaction will be approved by the Austrian Government.)

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